

## POLICEMEN ARE CITY'S BACKBONE SAYS BARRISTER

Former District Attorney Cropsey of Brooklyn Addresses Men's Club.

James C. Cropsey, district attorney of Brooklyn, N. Y., and formerly police commissioner in New York city, addressed the Men's club of the People's Presbyterian church last night. In a general speech he showed that police officials and prosecutors can do nothing in the way of enforcing laws unless the "people" are with them. There are many "crimes" on the streets, according to the speaker, placed upon the books by corporation officials who have found certain acts inconvenient. Because many of these laws are at least unpopular with the people the tasks of the police officials are made more arduous.

In speaking of police forces he said that they are the backbone and sinew of the community and that they should be respected by the people and revered as friends by the children and mothers of the community rather than being made the bugaboo of little ones who go through life believing that the policeman is the epitome of all that is evil.

He touched lightly and indirectly upon the belief that men with political pull, money and influence are not prosecuted, referring slightly to the recent police draft trials in New York and Brooklyn.

While speaking upon prison reforms, he declared that he would not at this time take issue with the conduct of Warden Osborne, at Sing Sing, but he said that prison is a place of punishment and that the convict should be made to work. If only that his health might be preserved, he should not be a place of pleasure and relaxation, he concluded.

He ended his discourse by saying that one-third of all the serious crimes in New York city are committed by youths under 21 years of age, and believed the same conditions obtained here. He told of the work being done in New York city by boys' clubs to keep the kids from being filled and said: "There should be fewer reformatories and more formatories."

## F. E. CHAPMAN MADE CAMP COMMANDER OF SONS OF VETERANS

F. L. Chapman was elected commander of Franklin Bartlett camp, No. 11, at a well attended and enthusiastic meeting held in Grand Army hall, last night. Other officers chosen for the coming year were: Henry Munich, senior vice-commander; Thomas M. Webb, junior vice-commander; camp council G. C. Wright, E. D. Sherwood and C. N. Stevens; secretary, Walter G. C. Hall; treasurer, Walter G. C. Hall.

Three applications for membership were received and referred to investigating committees. A committee was appointed to arrange for holding a joint installation of officers on the first week in January. The Lincoln Day banquet committee met after the meeting and it was voted to hold the annual observance on Friday, Dec. 11, at the Stratford hotel. The banquet will commence at 7:30. Speakers of nation-wide prominence will be procured. Members and others who attend may bring friends.

## BELATED PEACE JITNEURS SAIL TO MEET FORD

New York, Dec. 8.—Twenty peace advocates, constituting the second contingent of the Ford expedition to The Hague, sailed this afternoon on the Scandinavian-American Line steamship Frederick VIII for Copenhagen. The peace party, which was unable to make arrangements to leave Saturday on the Oscar II, a list of these additional members of the peace party as given out by Mr. Ford's representative, included undergraduates of Yale and Harvard and several western universities as well as representatives of the governors of Idaho, Arkansas and Alaska, and of fraternal beneficial societies.

## An Easy Way To Get Fat And Be Strong

The trouble with most thin folks who wish to gain weight is that they insist on dragging their stomach or stuffing it with greasy foods; rubbing on useless "flesh cream" or following some foolish physical culture stunt while the real cause of thinness goes untouched. You cannot get fat until your digestive tract assimilates the food you eat.

There is a preparation known to reliable druggists almost everywhere which seemingly embodies the missing elements needed by the digestive organs to help them convert food into rich, fat-laden blood. This modern treatment is called Sargol and has been termed the greatest of flesh-builders. Sargol aims through regenerative, re-constructive powers to coax the stomach and intestines to literally soak up the fattening elements of your food and pass them into the blood, where they are carried to the starved, broken-down cells and tissues of your body. You can readily picture what result this amazing transformation should produce as with increased weight the cheeks fill out, hollows about neck, shoulders and bust disappear and from 10 to 20 pounds of solid, healthy flesh is added to the body. Sargol is absolutely harmless, non-toxic, efficient. All leading druggists of this vicinity have it and will refund your money if you are not satisfied, as per the guarantee found in every package.

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## WALL ST. SPECULATORS HAWKED MESSAGE "TIP," REPORT TO WASHINGTON

Advance Copy of President's Address Received By Stock Manipulators, is Belief—Method of Distributing Official Documents May Be Changed as Result.

New York, Dec. 8.—When the full text of the President's message became public at noon yesterday Wall Street realized that one of the most successful stock jobbing coups that have been pulled off on the Stock Exchange in recent years had been successfully carried out last week by a group of big bear speculators who had become possessed of an accurate forecast of the President's recommendations to Congress nearly nine days in advance of delivery to the Senate and House and official release to the press associations and newspapers of the country.

This forecast, an original copy of which was obtained from one of the leading brokerage houses of Wall Street, is printed verbatim herewith:

Copy of Forecast.

Following are the important extracts taken from President's message:

1st.—He will recommend protective sugar.

2d.—Our home defense, which is practically the body of the whole note.

3d.—Takes quite a slap at our foreign neighbors.

4th.—Recommends that our big business interests and Interstate Commerce Commission get together, bury the past feeling between them and work on some basis on which we can protect our home and foreign business after the war.

5th.—Recommends an increased income tax.

6th.—A tax on gasoline.

7th.—Fifty cents each on horse power on automobiles and internal combustion machines.

8th.—A 2-cent tax on checks.

9th.—Twenty-five cents a ton on pig iron and 50 cents a ton on fabricated iron and steel.

10th.—Recommends commission to investigate transportation and find out needs of railroads. Says prosperity of country depends on prosperity of the railroads.

11th.—Gives a clean bill of health to the railroads.

The impression in Washington is that it will be a very constructive nature and well received.

Synopsis in Wall Street, Nov. 29.

This synopsis of the message first came into the hands of these operators on Monday, Nov. 29. At that time the market was displaying a great deal of strength as a result of the speculative liquidation of the week preceding and the general tip had been passed around that the long expected bull campaign in the copper stocks to be conducted by the Morgan, Guggenheim and Standard Oil group was about to be inaugurated.

Indeed, on that day the information that Germany was negotiating for 150,000,000 pounds of copper, to be delivered after the war, was given out by publication in the Wall Street Journal and was generally accepted as a signal that the copper interests had finally taken the market's constructive side in an aggressive way.

During the early afternoon the market developed a surprising weakness in the face of all this bullish information. Anaconda, which had sold up to 89%, suddenly halted, adopted a reactionary tendency and then plunged downward more than a point.

Inspiration, another copper favorite, which had reached the high point of the present movement at 47, suddenly shot down to 46½. United States Steel, which had assumed the market leadership, dropped from 107 to 106½. The selling came with a force that carried close to the bottom of the day. The market was in possession of information of sufficient importance to arrest the efforts of the great financial interests behind the coppers.

The secret was well kept. The market closed on that day with Wall Street completely in the dark as to the character of the information which had led to the complete change of position on the part of some of the great floor traders.

The raids continued until Thursday, Dec. 2, when Steel was forced down to 84½. Anaconda to 85, Inspiration to 43% and Utah Copper to 77½. It is said that the raiders covered all their short contracts at the low level established on that day.

Coincidentally with the suspension of the raids the synopsis herewith printed appeared very generally in the big brokerage offices. It was a neatly manifolded from a single copy, and those who circulated it were so positive of its genuineness that it carried conviction. The result was a gradual recovery after the publication of the message yesterday. Wall Street recognized that there was nothing in the Presidential document to give it any cause for alarm. On the contrary it was pointed out that the preparedness program would result in enormous expenditures that could not but give a great impulse to the steel, copper and kindred industries.

Wall Street Sometimes Follies.

While Wall Street has in the majority of cases been able to obtain advance information of impending events and news of importance, it has not always been able to get possession of reliable forecasts, despite the thorough system of secret agents it maintains at Washington and other news sources.

It has, singularly enough, never failed to obtain a pretty accurate idea, if not a carefully prepared synopsis, of all presidential or gubernatorial messages, as well as of speeches which are likely to have an important bearing on market movements. These documents are usually sent out under strict pledge to news associations and newspapers, and these pledges are never violated in newspaper offices. The source of the leak has therefore always remained a mystery.

In regard to the tax on steel, the general opinion was that it would be

very difficult to get such a tax through Congress, since it would be regarded as a discrimination against one of the country's leading industries. One of the officers of a big stock combination said:

"It would be a double tax and would never be enacted into law, in my opinion. I don't see how it can be made lawful, at any rate."

At the present rate of production the tax would mean about \$18,000,000.

## MESSAGE GIVEN TO PRESS ON NOV. 30

Washington, Dec. 8.—The White House realized last night that President Wilson's message had been in the possession of Wall street speculators for about nine days. The President's private secretary, Mr. Tamm, probably will make an investigation.

As a result of the scandal, it is probable the President will decide that the entire system of distributing the message must be changed in the future.

Under the present system the President's message is handed to the Washington representatives of newspaper associations just as soon as it is prepared. Each press association is given enough copies to supply its papers throughout the country.

The President may decide that hereafter no copy of the message shall leave the hands of his confidential men until he has actually reached the Capitol and started to read the document.

President Wilson on Nov. 30 put the finishing touches to the document and at 11 o'clock in the morning the Public Printer was called to the White House and given the copy.

At 6 o'clock the Public Printer returned to the White House with the finished copies. A few minutes after 6, representatives of the press associations signed forms, made for the occasion, promising to divulge to no one the contents of the document and to safeguard against publication until the President had actually spoken the first words.

That was one week ago last night. Within three days rumors began to be circulated that the document had fallen into hands which were not supposed to have it.

It is understood that Ambassadors and Ministers of the warring powers were taken in on the "leak," at least to the degree of giving them information concerning those sections bearing upon the European situation. It is assumed that the information was relayed back to them from some of their Wall Street friends.

Senators and Representatives expressed great surprise and indignation when informed that President Wilson's first message to the Sixty-fourth Congress had been hawked about Wall Street for days.

Senator not surprised at anything Wall Street is inclined to do," said Senator Ashurst of Arizona. "That is just one of the least of its disgraceful performances. Such a scandal is most deplorable, and everything possible should be done to prevent a recurrence."

Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan, said: "I cannot conceive of a thing like that taking place. When Senators and Representatives are not privileged to see such messages before they are delivered, certainly nobody else should. Every measure should be taken to guard against a repetition of it."

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## A CHILD DOESN'T LAUGH AND PLAY IF CONSTIPATED

If peevish, feverish and sick, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Mother! Your child isn't naturally cross and peevish. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels need a cleansing at once.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't sleep or eat naturally, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, colic, is a gentle liver and bowel cleansing should always be the first treatment given.

Nothing equals "California Syrup of Figs" for children's ailments. Give a teaspoonful, and in a few hours all the foul waste, sour bile and fermenting food which is clogged in the bowels passes out of the system, and you have a well and playful child again. All children love this harmless, delicious "fruit laxative," and it never fails to effect a good "inside" cleansing. Directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups are plainly on the bottle.

Keep it handy in your home. A little given today saves a sick child tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a 56-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then look and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."—Adv.

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## Torpedo Flotilla Joins Cruisers Near Mexico

Topolobampo, Mex., Dec. 8.—The first division of the Pacific torpedo flotilla, consisting of five destroyers, commanded by Commander Frederick N. Freeman, has joined Admiral Winslow's expeditionary force off Topolobampo. The destroyers, according to navy officers here today, will prove of great value in transferring a little more conscious than at any time since the attack.

## IRISH MINSTRELS ALL TOMORROW

All preparations for the mammoth minstrel and dance at Eagles' hall tomorrow evening are now completed and the affair promises not only to attract a large crowd but to be one of the most successful of the season. The minstrels are given by members of Division No. 1, A. O. H., assisted by members of the ladies' auxiliaries of the city, and the company numbers over 100.

Following the minstrel, which commences promptly at 8 o'clock, there will be dancing until midnight with music by Bracken's orchestra, with John J. O'Neil as prompter. Members of the Hibernian Rifles in uniform will act as ushers and as floor committee. There has been a large sale of tickets in advance and large audiences are assured for both Thursday and Friday evenings.

Some original jokes hitting local celebrities are promised by the endmen, who are William Toomey, "The Lynch," Bernard Monahan and Michael Broderick. Attorney Daniel E. Brennan will be interlocutor.

## POINTS OF INTEREST

For practical Christmas gifts you will find an immense variety to choose from at E. H. Dillon & Co., 1105 Main street, in fur muffs and scarfs, shirt waists, neck petticoats, ostrich plumes and flower bouquets in great variety.—Adv.

## The Ideal Winter Vacation

Over the Christmas holidays many people will avail themselves of a short midwinter vacation and they cannot use it to better advantage than taking a short trip to Florida. Such a trip can be made in eight days to Jacksonville or Sanford, Fla., by the Clyde line at a very low rate which includes all expenses. Such a trip can be made leaving Dec. 24th and arriving again on Jan. 1st. We will be pleased to give full particulars on application. S. Loewith & Co., 116 Bank street, Established 1885.

## LONG HILL

What promises to be a very interesting basketball series is scheduled to take place at the Gymnasium, Friday evening. The Long Hill first team are to play a team made up of members of the Baracoco Bible class of the Summerfield M. E. church of Bridgeport, and the Long Hill second team will play a team made up from the employed boys' membership of the Y. M. C. A. also of Bridgeport.

## JUDGE WILLIAMS, STRICKEN ON TRAIN, RALLIES AT HOME

Superior Court Judge Suffers Loss of Speech—Recovery is Expected.

Judge William H. Williams, of the superior court, who was stricken with apoplexy yesterday while returning from Bridgeport to his home in Derby, held his own during the night, according to a statement of his physicians today. Dr. J. E. Black, who spent the night with him, said he appeared this morning a little more conscious than at any time since the attack.

When the seizure occurred Judge Williams' right side was paralyzed, he lost the power of speech and became only semi-conscious. Unless complications set in or there are more hemorrhages, his recovery is considered likely.

Mrs. J. H. Torrance and Mrs. Storrs Spencer of Derby, who were in the same coach, saw something was wrong and they rushed to his seat. When they found Judge Williams had a shock they did what they could for him. The train reached Derby. Three physicians were summoned. They found the jurist's right side was paralyzed and that he had lost his power of speech.

Judge Williams' stroke came after an arduous afternoon on the bench in the criminal court. When he left the courtroom he appeared to be in his usual health but friends later noticed as he reached the station that he appeared weak. Judge Williams is very popular with lawyers and laymen of the state and his illness caused much sorrow.

## Denies Criticism of Americans in Germany

Amsterdam, Dec. 8.—A vigorous protest against attacks made in Germany against Americans appeared in an article by Maximilian Harden, editor of the Berlin newspaper Die Zukunft, in the latest issue of that paper. The article states that at a recent meeting of a great corporation one of the directors referred to the American people as "a pack of scoundrels in America." Nobody, the writer adds, protested and the chairman did not rule the remark out. "Such proceedings," say Herr Harden, "disgrace every right-thinking German and disgrace us before the whole world and before our own conscience. It is little wonder that we are hated."

## AUTO SUPPLY HOUSE IN BANKRUPTCY COURT

Petition in bankruptcy was filed today in the United States district court by the New England Automobile Supply Co., doing business at 606 Main street. The papers show liabilities of \$2,416.42, \$2,389.42 of which is unsecured. Assets are listed at \$1,703.29, of which \$1,558.80 is stock on hand. A. B. Hicks, is president and treasurer of the company which has done an automobile and bicycle supply business.

## DROWNED WOMAN WAS BARGEMAN'S WIFE, IS BELIEF

Find Coal Dust in Scams of Clothing on Body Discovered in Sound.

With her face covered with black and blue marks, possibly a victim of foul play, a woman between 35 and 40 years of age with flowing red hair, lies in the morgue of Cullinan & Mullins on Main street awaiting identification.

She was picked up at 2:30 yesterday afternoon by John Drannan of 259 Eagle street, engaged in picking driftwood from the water of Long Island Sound. Drannan was scouting along the harbor side of the breakwater known as the "Neck" on the Steeplechase side of the entrance to the harbor when he came across the body of a woman floating face downward about 250 feet from the shore of the island and headed for the rocks of the breakwater.

Drannan towed the body to the foot of Seaview avenue and officials of the Valvoline Oil Co. notified Medical Examiner S. M. Garlick of the finding of the body. The medical examiner was soon on the spot and after a brief examination he ordered the body removed to the morgue. No autopsy will be necessary.

At the morgue only one good mark of identification was found upon the body. On the left side of her upper jaw of teeth the woman has only one tooth, a gold one. Her hair is long flowing and of auburn hue. She is about five feet four inches and weighs about 120 pounds. On the body were patent leather button shoes, a black striped skirt, white stockings and a blue striped shirt.

According to Medical Examiner Garlick the woman has been in the water for more than five days. The clasp on her corset have rusted. A quantity of coal dust in seams of her clothing was discovered and this leads to the belief that the victim lived on a barge.

When found by Drannan the body appeared to have been on the way out of the harbor. It may have come in with the tide.

The body will be held at the morgue of Cullinan & Mullins for three days awaiting identification and, if not identified by that time will be interred in Potter's field at the expense of the city. Medical Examiner Garlick so far is inclined to give as his opinion of the case of death accidental drowning and in the meantime the police are making a search for any bargewoman is missing from her boat.

## BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

G. H. Stinson has been appointed freight traffic manager of the Wash-railroad with headquarters in St. Louis.

There has been withdrawn from the Sub-Treasury in New York \$50,000 in gold coin for shipment to South America.

The plant of the Maple Leaf Flour Milling Co. at St. Catherine, Ont., was damaged to the extent of \$300,000 by fire.

Farmer Want Ads. One Cent a Word

## MUSIC LOVERS IN JOYOUS THRONG AT BRILLIANT ORATORIO

Samson and Delilah Rendered in Splendid Manner By Bridgeporters.

As opera the Samson and Delilah of Camille Saint-Saens lacked action. But as oratorio, it is filled with a vigor and a dramatic quality unusual in this lofty form of choral composition.

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The orchestra passed from scene to scene, without halt, thus crippling or restraining the fervor of those who listened.

The only flaw in the production was of such a minor character as to be scarcely important, but it would have been more pleasing had all the soloists used the same translation.

The chorus and the male soloists used the words given to the audience, but Miss Jordan, as Delilah, sang from a rendition almost unrecognizable.

Since about a third of the audience follows the music aided by the words of the book, the illusion that attached to Delilah's dialogue with Samson was in some degree destroyed.

Miss Jordan rendered the Woeful Song in a delightful way. This song is neither best in music or words of the composition but it has popular qualities which have endeared it to the public, and it is here that Miss Jordan received the most attention and the greatest approbation. Dan Beattie, Marion Green and Gilbert Wilson were efficient aids. Mr. Beattie sang Samson with feeling and dramatic force. Mr. Wilson sang both Amblech and the Old Hebrew accompanist.

## Sharp Battle Marks Strumitza Campaign

London, Dec. 8.—The Saloniki correspondence of the Associated Press today sends the following despatch under date of Tuesday:

"Weather conditions have improved, the enemy on Monday bombarded the entire British line at Strumitza for the whole day. Then they launched an infantry attack which was repulsed, although the fighting on this front still continues. The British casualties thus far are reported slight. At Kilevok there was an unimportant local engagement between French and Bulgarian artillery on Monday. It is reported here that complications are threatened between Bulgaria and Turkey and the distrust is increasing on both sides."

Having recovered from an operation on his leg, Count Okuma, Japanese Premier, addressed the Diet at Tokyo.

The schooner William L. Elkins ran ashore at Corrad Head, N. H., and is expected to be a total loss.